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DEATH.  
On Tuesday, 10th inst., at Klang, Selangor,  
Malay States, FRANCIS WILLIAM DANNY, eldest  
son of Wm. Danny of Hongkong, aged 35 years.  
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HONGKONG, JANUARY 9TH, 1908

LORD MEATH has asked us to point out to our readers that the "Empire Movement," with which his name is particularly associated, is by no means solely a matter of celebrating the 24th of May. That day for rest and remembrance is a secondary matter compared with the main object of the movement, which is the systematic training of children in all the qualities and virtues which tend towards good citizenship. His Lordship does not want a single British child to have "a soul so dead" as not to feel a thrill at the reflection that he or she has a native land, entailing recognition of the need of individual "responsibility, duty, sympathy, and self-sacrifice." LORD MEATH has perhaps a higher conception of patriotism than have some of those supporting his movement. In his letter to us he asks us to appeal for support to every British subject, "whatever be his race or colour," and particularly that we should recommend the adoption in our local schools of what he calls the "Empire Catechism." We cannot conscientiously urge this course, but we will give our readers an idea of its contents, and leave them to decide as they feel inclined. The first answer our scholars are invited to give is this: "I am a subject of King Edward, and a citizen of the British

Empire." We can imagine a row of embryo citizens of the British Empire, including (say) a pigtailed Hongkong boy, a turbaned child of India, a son of a British merchant, and a long-legged scion of White Australia. It would be quite feasible to get all four to repeat that thrilling speech with more unctious than a parrot; perhaps even each would feel its thrill on occasion. Coming out of school, however, if they were very intelligent boys, with well-informed parents, we could also imagine them discussing such matters as the expulsion of Indians from South Africa, the exclusion of Chinese from Australia, and the alleged new preferential tariff of the last named Colony. Their joint citizenship, surely, would undergo a strain. When a British subject, "whatever be his race or colour," can settle unmolested and freely in part of the British Empire; when the oneness of that Empire is manifested by free trade (not alleged "preference") between all its parts, then it may be time to encourage LORD MEATH's pretty dream, and his educational methods. At present the Empire seems too big to be managed on Utopian lines; but its very bigness is the subject of rejoicing in the fourth answer in the Catechism. It (the British Empire) has twelve million square miles, equal to one-fifth or 21 per cent of the Earth's surface (one can see the little citizens growing pig-dog-chested with patriotism, if not chauvinism, as they answer) and that is a greater area than any other State can claim, even Russia and the United States coming short of such glory. If the young citizens are as good at mental arithmetic as they ought to be, they will do a little sum in division when they have recited the answer to the seventh question. KING EDWARD has four hundred million subjects, so that means that on a fair division each individual subject could have over nineteen acres to live on and wrest a living from. Much of the twelve million miles would not be suitable, however, for anything but an aspidochelone, so the intelligent young citizen will divide it by half, and say there is over nine acres per head. To make sure, and feeling reckless and generous in the midst of such plenty, he will divide once more, and reduce the individual acreage to four, and will say to himself that every family of five may, if King Edward be willing, riot luxuriously, beyond any mathematical doubt whatever, on its own estate of twenty fertile acres! The balance of fifteen times four hundred million acres can stand over for sportsmen to play in. How fascinating is LORD MEATH's kind of lesson, and how it makes the heart of the young citizen swell with joy at so glorious a heritage. At the tenth answer, however, the youngster fails to see why mere numbers should be so thrilling. London has 4,648,950 inhabitants, and he has heard that some thousands of those are being sweated in slums, slaving many hours a day for just enough, or barely enough, to eat and build up sufficient stamina to continue the grisly round, the denunciations grind. Calcutta has 910,117 inhabitants, most of them worshipping KERN HAZAR and dying of plague. Sydney has 511,030, and the young White Australian says (turning to the pigtailed Hongkong boy) "There are slums there, and thousands of white people starving, and your countrymen wanting to come in and take the bread out of their mouths." Johannes-burg (still the tenth answer continues its patriotic psalm) has 155,642, and the boy from India gives a start, having been inattentive, dreaming perhaps of the Jewel in the Lotus, and edging away from his fellow citizens, he mutters something about the rights of his countrymen settled in South Africa. But the lesson grows long and irksome; let us sympathise with our schoolboys, and incidentally save space, by jumping to the 29th answer of the Catechism, part of which is obviously meant to make every little citizen, "whatever be his race or colour," jump with joy and grovel with gratitude. "May 24th," it says, "was the birthday of the late good Queen Victoria, during whose reign of 63 years the Empire grew to its present greatness, as year by year her people increased in health, strength, numbers, wealth, and happiness." N., no, LORD MEATH. Really you must excuse us yet awhile. Your Catechism may be all right for the lower Forms at Eton or Rugby, or even schools ranging between Cheltenham and Giggleswick; but for the majority of your little citizens, trudging to day-school with their insufficiently filled tummies and badly nourished brains, we do not believe that those references to their general health, strength, wealth, and happiness will carry conviction. We do not know, any better than your Lordship does, how to remedy the various evils sketchily referred to, but we do feel that true patriotism, abiding

patriotism, cannot be inculcated by shutting our eyes and shouting that sort of hallelujah. Teach them "responsibility," yes, but let them see all that they are responsible for—teach them their "duty," certainly; but do not our blemishes constitute the first call to duty?—inculcate "sympathy," we are with you there; but is not the other side of the shield conducive thereto?—and "self-sacrifice," the last of your watchwords—Heaven help the poor creatures! Has there not been enough of that?

On Tuesday afternoon a coolie woman was killed as the result of a land slide at Hungkum. While she was engaged in excavation work a large rock tumbled down the hillside and crashed her to death.

At the Theatre last night "Le Poupée" was again presented by the Lilliputians, and once more the clear portrayal of the piece by the children earned for them the unstinted applause of their auditors.

Messrs. E. S. Kadoorie & Co. are in receipt of telegraphic information from Shanghai, advising them that the Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd. have declared an interim dividend of 2s. 6d. per share for the 6 months ending 31st October, 1907.

The deep sympathy of a very wide circle of friends in the Colony and coast ports will be felt for Mr. William Danby on the death of his eldest son, Mr. F. W. Danby, intelligence of which has just been received. Death took place at Klang, Selangor, on the 10th inst.

In the short list published in *The Builder* of successful candidates elected to Fellowship of the Royal Institute of British Architects at the last general meeting two Hongkong names appear. Mr. A. H. Ough's election was mentioned in our yesterday's issue. The other successful candidate was Mr. A. C. Little, of the Public Works Department. Mr. Little is a medalist of the Institute and Mr. Ough was formerly an associate member.

A coolie recently arrived from Canton found board and lodging with a family in First Street. One afternoon when all the people of the house were out he broke open a box and extracted six pieces of cloth, with which he departed. Later he was arrested, and yesterday, on appearing before Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz at the Police Court on a charge of larceny, he was sentenced to 21 days' imprisonment and six hours' stocks.

The committee of the Brooklyn Yacht Club has decided to recommend the club to offer a cup for a new international yacht race, in accordance with the views recently expressed by Sir Thomas Lipton in his challenge for the America Cup. It is proposed that the entry shall be open to all clubs, no matter of what nationality, and that the first race for the trophy shall take place next summer.

The new tourist map of Hongkong and Kowloon, compiled by Kwok Lo Kwai and Tse Tsau Tai, and advertised in another column by Messrs. Kelly and Walsh Ltd., is really an excellent production, and likely to be most useful. Everything is shown that an explorer would look for, and the names being in both Chinese and English add to its advantages. It is also drawn on a sufficiently generous scale.

Mr. Fisher Unwin published recently a finely illustrated edition "Romola." He has since received a letter addressed—

"George Eliot, Esq., care of Messrs. Fisher Unwin, 1, Adelphi Terrace, W.C."

On opening the envelope it was found to contain a circular from a London press-cutting agency, inviting George Eliot to become a subscriber.

Mr. Cortelyou, Secretary of the U.S. Treasury, has decided to reduce by one-half the amount of the Panama bond issue originally fixed at \$50,000,000 (\$20,000,000), and allotments to the amount of \$25,000,000 (\$5,000,000) have been made at an average price of slightly over 103. The amount of Treasury certificates of indebtedness to be allotted will be between \$12,000,000 (\$2,400,000) and \$15,000,000 (\$3,000,000), as compared with \$100,000,000 (\$20,000,000) originally announced.

Mr. Joseph Gérard tried three times yesterday, during our busy time, to interview us, and was difficult to dismiss. He is making a tour of the world, and selling printed reproductions of his photograph, not exactly worth framing, "pour payer ses frais de voyage." He informed us, through an intermediary, that he "will remain very short time to Hongkong," and then go to Canton, Peking, Shanghai, &c. To get rid of his importunities a "small notice" was promised. The promise is kept; this is the notice. By way of giving good measure, we will add that these round-the-world "walkers" are an unmitigated nuisance, and we wish they could be mitigated by the police.

Another old China hand in the person of Mr. T. G. Goward, of Amoy, had farewell to the Far East yesterday after a sojourn of thirty years. Mr. Goward was formerly in partnership with Mr. H. P. White in the Pormosan firm of Dodd and Co. and latterly he has for many years been associated with the well known Amoy tea firm of Geo. H. May & Co. A gentleman in every sense of the word, Mr. Goward was respected and esteemed by all who knew him and he was well known all along the China Coast from Hongkong to Shanghai. Mr. and Mrs. Goward and their two children, who came down from Amoy to Hongkong last Saturday are travelling home by the *Waka* *Maru*.

Amoy races commenced yesterday and are being continued to-day and to-morrow.

H.M.S. *Tamar* has been a pleasure boat for the children of the Colony during the last few days, Commander and Mrs. Stokes and the officers of that vessel being "at home" to them on board. There was a miniature rifle range, a motor-car shoot, and many other things calculated to please the juveniles, while there were many helpers to attend to their wants and see that they had an enjoyable time.

Mr. Joshua Levering, a prominent member of the Chamber of Commerce of Baltimore U.S.A., who is making his second tour round the world to address the Chinese merchants in Hongkong next Monday evening, 13th inst. Arrangements are being made for the place of holding this meeting and this will be announced anon.

This evening at the Union Church Literary Club, Kennedy Rd., the opening social of the second half of the season will take place. An attractive programme has been arranged in which Mesdames Williams and Tennant, and Messrs. J. D. Auld, S. Moore, A. J. Darby, Paine and Grimbble, have kindly consented to take part. In addition to these, Trumpet Major Elliott has kindly promised to play a concert solo, and it is expected there will be a large attendance. This meeting is open to the public.

By kind permission of Lt. Col. Price and C. Moser, the band of the 129th (Duke of Connaught's Own) Baluchis will play the following programme of music at the King Edward Hotel, during dinner, to-night (weather permitting).

March "Karnool," Whelan  
Overture "Ivanhoe," Contarino  
Valse "Follette," Fahrbach  
Selection "Lohengrin," Wagner  
Andante "The Broken Melody," Biondo  
The Mill in the Black Forest, Ellensberg  
Selection "The Gaidhe," Jones  
Cake Walk "The Brooklyn," Thurban

A sailor gives in the "Boston Courier" a curious account of how crocodiles are baited in Ceylon. "Baby bait," he says, "is the only thing for crocodile, and everybody uses it. You can rent a baby down there for half a dollar a day. Of course," he continues, "the thing isn't as cruel as it sounds. No harm ever comes to the babies, or, else, of course, their mothers wouldn't rent them. The babies are simply set on the soft mud bank of a crocodile stream, and the hunter lays concealed close by. The crocodile is lazy. He basks in the sun in mid-stream. Nothing will draw him in to shore where he can be 'potted.' But set a little fat, naked baby on the bank, and the crocodile soon rushes up. In he comes, a greedy look in his dull eyes, and then you open fire. I have got as many as four crocodiles with one baby in a morning's fishing. Some Cingalese women living near good crocodile streams make as much as 2 dol. a week regular out of renting their babies for crocodile bait."

The City Swiss Club held its annual banquet at the Hotel Cecil. Mr. G. Carlin, the Swiss Minister, presided over a company of about 300 guests, and proposed the toast of "The King," whom he saluted as the sovereign of a country which offered to them a generous and ample hospitality, thanks to which they breathed here the same air of independence and liberty as they enjoyed in the independent fatherland. M. G. Dimier, President of the club, in proposing the toast of "La patrie," referred to the state of commerce between England and Switzerland, and said the imports into Switzerland from this country in 1906 amounted to 23 million francs, compared with 479 million francs from Germany, 281 million francs from France, 200 million francs from Italy, and 91 million francs from Austria. The imports from England were 14 million francs in excess of the previous year, a fact upon which he wished to congratulate English commercial houses, though he would point out that this country was still far behind its competitors in regard to the number of travellers and agents representing it in Switzerland. In exports, as in imports, Germany occupied the premier position, the value of the goods exported being 276 million francs, while England was their second largest buyer, with 177 million francs. This figure showed an increase of 2 million francs on 1905, but was a decrease of 10 million francs as compared with the record of 1901. The chairman proposed the toast of "The City Swiss Club."

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## INFORMATION DESIRED.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS"]

Hongkong, 8th January.

Sir,—Please let me know the legal brokerage a broker is allowed to charge for booking freight in Hongkong. I understand that it is only one per cent for European brokers. Is this right?—Yours truly,

MERCHANT.

[The information required may be found on page 444 of our "Directory and Chronicle" for 1907, or in the new edition ready shortly.—En.]

## GUBERNATORIAL VISIT TO CANTON.

His Excellency the Governor and Lady Lugard, accompanied by Captain Mitchell-Taylor, A.C. and Mr. A.J. Blackburn, left on a visit to Canton yesterday morning by H.M.S. *Albatross* which was placed at the disposal of the gubernatorial party by Admiral Sir Arthur Moore. The Admiral was on board to receive His Excellency and party, but did not accompany them to the Chinese city. It is expected that the party will remain at Canton for two or three days.

## TELEGRAMS.

[REUTERS'S SERVICE.]

## LOCK OUT OF LANCASHIRE COTTON OPERATIVES.

LONDON, January 6th.

A lock-out of 150,000 Cotton operatives will begin at Middleton at the end of the month.

## CANADIAN IMMIGRATION.

LONDON, January 6th.

The Ottawa Government urges the claims of an Imperialism to subordinating local issues to the common weal of the races of the Empire. India was the main prop of the Empire, and the government appealed to those talking about the Asiatic peril to realise this and to deal gently with British statesmen in their difficulties about the Indian races, numbering nearly one third of the population of the world.

LATER.

The correspondent of the *Standard* in Ottawa wires that the new immigration regulations have been framed, providing that immigrants must come direct from the land of their birth and thus end the influx of Japanese via Hawaii.

## THE LONDON "TIMES."

LONDON, January 6th.

There is much speculation on yesterday's *Observer's* surmise that Baron Northcliffe was an intending purchaser of the *Times* and an informal contradiction has been made. Sir Arthur Walter, proprietor of the *Times*, is reticent, but has stated that the direction of the *Times* will not leave the hands of the Walter family.

## THE DRUCE CASE.

LONDON, January 6th.

The Counsel for Mr. Druce has announced to the Court that the case is withdrawn.

## BLINDFOLD CHESS AT HONGKONG.

Mr. H. W. Langburg will give an exhibition of blindfold chess play in the City Hall Library to-day (Thursday) at 5.15 p.m. Mr. J. H. Kemp, the Hon. Sec. of the Hongkong Chess Club, informs us that this will be the first time, so far as he is aware, for a public exhibition in Hongkong of that feat. All interested may attend.

## JAPANESE IMMIGRATION INTO AMERICA.

A New York correspondent writes on December 9:—

Judging from the various despatches emanating from Tokyo, Washington, and Ottawa I am inclined to think that the Japanese Government is genuinely endeavoring to dispose of the immigration question satisfactorily to all parties. The hope of Mr. Lummis, when I saw him in Canada before he left for Japan, was to secure some limitation of immigration into the Dominion without an abrogation of the Convention of 1904, whereby the stipulations of the Treaty of 1894 between Great Britain and Japan were made applicable to the relation between Canada and Japan. There is a difficulty, as I have said in former despatches, between the United States and Japan. The course of the American treaty provides for the certain regulation of immigration applying to both countries, which Japan, from domestic causes, will be impelled to observe. The fact is, that with her own needs for transport work, in which over a million coolies are employed, and in which in other countries horses and mechanical traction are employed, and with a large standing army to maintain, not to mention the need of peopling Korea, Persia, and Manchuria, Japan is likely to be drained of labour for some time to come whilst emigration continues. For this reason, and from impressions gathered in Washington, I am of opinion that a satisfactory outcome is probable.

## NOBEL PRIZES.

Stockholm, Dec. 10.

The distribution of the Nobel prizes was held here at 4 o'clock this afternoon at the Academy of Sciences. Owing to the death of King Oscar there was no public ceremony. The literature prize was awarded to Mr. Rudyard Kipling, the prize for physics to Professor Michelson of Berlin, the chemistry prize to Dr. Buchner of Berlin, and the prize for medicine to Dr. Laveran, of Paris. All the recipients were present.

In addition to the prizes, which this year amount to £7,620 each, the winners receive a diploma and a gold medal.

The customary banquet will not take place this year, owing to the public mourning.

The distribution of the Nobel Peace Prize took place to-day in the great hall of the Nobel Institute. M. Lovland, the Premier, and president of the Nobel Committee, delivered a warm eulogy of the late King Oscar, in which he referred to the late Monarch's great interest in maintaining peace at the time of the dissolution of the union with Norway.

The names of the recipients of the Peace Prize are Signor Ernesto Teodoro Moneta (Italy) and M. Louis Renault (France).

Signor Ernesto Teodoro Moneta is a member of the Italian Radical party, and has been a member of the Italian Parliament, and editor of the "Secolo" of Milan.

M. Louis Renault, who shares the Nobel Peace Prize, was born in 1843. He is a member of the Institute of International Law, of which in 1894 he was president. He is the legal adviser to the French Foreign Office, and member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration at The Hague. He took part in The Hague Conference in 1899, and in the second conference, which recently concluded. He was chosen in 1902 by Great Britain, Germany, and France as arbitrator to settle the land-and-house-tax dispute with Japan. He is the author of many important works on International Law.

## TRACKING A THIEF.

Some weeks ago the Yee Wo tailoring establishment in Queen's Road was entered by burglars, and 35 yards of grey woollen cloth, valued at \$70, stolen. The police were duly informed of the occurrence, and on Tuesday Detective-Sergeant Sullivan, noticing a native going along the road with five yards of cloth similar to that missing from the shop mentioned, stopped and questioned him. As a result of the conversation the detective subsequently arrested a second man, and was conducted by the latter to a house in Hollywood road where he observed a coat made out of material similar to that missing hanging on the wall, and on making inquiries as to whom it belonged a man in the house claimed it. This man was also arrested and agreed to take the detective to the house of another man who could probably have given some information about the missing cloth. Accompanied by other police the Detective then proceeded to another house, but the fourth man saw the police coming and managed to escape. At the Police Court yesterday one of the men arrested was charged with stealing the cloth, and the other two with receiving stolen property. The case was adjourned to enable the police to make further inquiries.

## A HOUSEBREAKER SURPRISED.

A housebreaker who gained admittance to house No. 8 MacGregor Street, Wanchoi, early yesterday morning by the old practice of climbing up the water pipe, was surprised before he could get away with the booty he had gathered together, and is now in hospital and not expected to recover. As soon as he effected an entrance to the house he proceeded to collect all the valuables he could find, which included clothing, jewelry and money to the value of \$200. These he bound round his body, and was about to leave the house by the way he had entered when the creaking of a chair awakened the inmates who raised the alarm. The intruder promptly jumped through a window, and fell on the hard concrete some thirty feet below. He was picked up by the police shortly afterwards and removed to hospital where it was found that besides suffering from minor injuries he had broken his leg, dislocated his shoulder and broken his jaw.

## THE ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

The first monthly competition for the 1908 Captain's Cup (presented by the Captain of the Club for 1909) was held at Happy Valley from the 4th to 6th January, 1908. The following returns were made:—

CAPTAIN'S CUP.		
Mr. M. A. Murray...	82	5 = 77
Mr. E. V. D. Parr...	85	8 = 77
Col. H. Martin, R.A.M.C.	91	13 = 79
Mr. E. F. Mackay...	85	5 = 80
Com. Boucher, R.N.	87	7 = 80
Mr. Satterthwaite, R.N.	87	7 = 80
Mr. W. D. Kraft...	88	7 = 81
Mr. F. W. Warren...	88	7 = 81
Mr. E. W. May...	90	7 = 83
(21 entries.)		
POOL.		
Mr. E. V. D. Parr...	84	18 = 78
Mr. E. V. D. Parr...	85	8 = 77
Mr. H. G. Wilson, R.N.	84	6 = 78
Mr. T. E. A. Dayrell, 129th Bn.	84	4 = 79
Com. Boucher, R.N.	87	7 = 81
Mr. Satterthwaite, R.N.	87	7 = 80
Mr. W. D. Kraft...	88	7 = 81
Mr. F. W. Warren...	88	7 = 81
Mr. E. W. May...	90	7 = 83
(25 entries.)		
The Captain's Cup.		
Winner of Pool.		

The civilian members of the Club played two matches against the United Services & Happy Valley, the civilians being successful in both games. The following are the results:—

FIRST MATCH.		
SINGLES.		
T. S. Forrest...	0	11 Col. O. Dumbleton, R.E. 1
R. O. Hutchinson...	1	11 Lt. T. E. A. Dayrell, 129th Bn.
E. J. Grist...	0	11 Col. Attkin, 19th Bn.
A. Gittins...	0	11 Capt. Thurbay, R.N.
C. E. H. Beavis...	0	11 Major Lewis, 11th Bn.
E. F. Mackay...	1	11 Com. Boucher, R.N.
Mr. A. Murray...	1	11 Mr. H. Wilson, R.N.
W. M. Anderson...	0	11 Col. Martin, R.A.M.C.
C. W. May...	0	11
FOUR-SOMES.		
Forrest & Hutchinson...	0	11 Dumbleton & Dayrell 0
Grist & Gittins...	0	11 Attkin & Thurbay 0
Mackay & Murray...	0	11 Lewis & Boucher 0
Anderson & May...	0	11 Wilson & Martin 0
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RETURN MATCH.		
SINGLES.		
T. S. Forrest...	1	11 Lt. O. Dumbleton, R.E. 0
R. O. Hutchinson...	1	11 Lt. T. E. A. Dayrell, 129th Bn. 0
E. J. Grist...	0	11 Col. Attkin, 19th Bn. 0
A. Gittins...	0	11 Capt. Thurbay, R.N. 0
C. E. H. Beavis...	0	11 Major Lewis, 11th Bn. 0
E. F. Mackay...	1	11 Com. Boucher, R.N. 0
Mr. A. Murray...	1	11 Mr. H. Wilson, R.N. 0
C. W. May...	1	11 Col. Martin, R.A.M.C. 0
FOUR-SOMES.		
Forrest & Hutchinson...	1	11 Dumbleton & Dayrell 0
Grist & Gittins...	0	11 Attkin & Thurbay 0
Beavis & Mackay...	0	11 Lewis & Boucher 0
Murray & May...	1	11 Wilson & Martin 0
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## WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:—  
On the 8th at 11.55 a.m.—The barometer has fallen considerably in B. Japan, and risen slightly over the Loochoos.  
A depression, which appears to be moving towards N.E., is situated over E. Nippon.  
The anticyclone, which is still centred over the continent to the North of Yangtze.  
Gradients continue rather steep and hard monsoon may still be expected in the Formosa Channel and the China Sea.  
Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 9.00 inches.  
The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-day is as follows:—  
N. to N.E. winds, fresh; fine.  
N.E. winds, strong to a gale.  
Formosa Channel... Same as No. 2.  
South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamook... Same as No. 2.  
South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan... Same as No. 2.







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## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

## COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPT.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that information has been received from the Military Authorities that MUSKETRY FIELD FIRING will be carried out on FRIDAY, the 10th instant, from Kaulang Trail towards the slopes of Beacon Hill, from 11 A.M. to 3 P.M.

F. H. MAY,  
Colonial Secretary.

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## HONGKONG CLUB.

## NOTICE.

THE Post of COMPRADORE to the above Club, becomes vacant on the 31st March, 1908. Applications to fill the same will be received by the "undesignated" up to the 31st January, 1908.

C. H. GRACE,  
Secretary.

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## JUST PUBLISHED.

A NEW MAP OF THE SUN ON DISTRICT, including Hongkong, Kowloon and the New Territory with the names in ENGLISH and CHINESE and showing all the roads, paths, Passes, Railway Line, Market Towns, Villages, Soundings, Contours, &c.

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HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

## ANNUAL SHOW.

THE FLOWER AND VEGETABLE SHOW will be held on the 29th and 27th FEBRUARY.

The Schedule will shortly be distributed to Members. Non-Members wishing copies should apply to the Hon. Secretary.

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## AMERICAN CURRENCY REFORM.

## REPUBLICAN LEADERS' PLAN.

Washington, December 2.  
Following gives the general plan of the so called currency reform agreed upon by the Republican leaders in Congress.

A complete and scientific revision of the currency is not contemplated, but provision will be made to increase the notes in circulation in case of emergency. When, in the opinion of the Clearing House, the great financial centers of New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago, &c., or any of them, an emergency exists and an application is made to the Secretary of the Treasury for permission for the bank to issue emergency currency, the Secretary of the Treasury may authorize such issue in his discretion, the amount also to be determined by him. This currency shall be secured by securities, stocks, bonds, and other collateral deposited with the Treasury, their value to be determined by the Secretary. All through the Clearing House will take the initiative and act as the representative of all the banks in that city. The Treasury will deal with each bank separately, and every bank issuing emergency currency will pay to the Treasury a high rate of interest on this currency so long as it remains in circulation, the banks, of course, having the privilege of withdrawing the notes at any time, when the securities on which they are based will be returned to them and the interest will cease.

There are many details to be worked out before the Bill can be drafted, and as the disposition among the Republican leaders is not to enact any hasty legislation it will be three or four months, Republican leaders say, before a law is passed. The rate which the banks will pay on the emergency currency will be made purposely high so as to discourage them from issuing currency at ordinary times, and will only make it possible for them to resort to this expedient when the discount rate is so high that the banks can afford to pay seven or eight per cent, which the Government will charge for permitting the currency to be issued and still make a profit.

American have always been in mortal terror of inflated currency, and fear to give the banks the power to increase the circulating medium unless under stringent restrictions. The few men in Congress who are really experts on finance frankly admit that the plan outlined is unsatisfactory, but in excuse they say that it is the only legislation that can be hoped for. The real remedy, they say, would be the creation of a Government Bank, similar to the Bank of England, but that is impossible owing to prejudices.

A Bill based on the broad plan outlined above will, the Republican managers who control Congress say, be passed next spring. They say that there is no pressing haste as the currency famine no longer exists and the conditions are now almost normal; but they fear that the country will experience severe industrial depression next year.

Both Houses of Congress were convened promptly at noon on December 2. The Senate adjourned after transacting the usual routine of business. In the House of Representatives Sir Courtenay P. Lytton, Clerk to the British House of Commons, was present as the guest of Mr. J. G. Cannon, Speaker of the House, and occupied a seat to the right of the Speaker's chair. Mr. Cannon's election for the third time as Speaker, by 207 votes to 154, was the first business done after the usual prayer.

The Secretary of the Treasury has sent to Congress an estimate of the appropriations required for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1909. They amount to \$768,838,273, being an increase of \$77,479,819 over the estimates for 1908, and of \$58,220,846 over the actual appropriations for that year.

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## THE GRIDIRON CLUB.

## FIVE HOURS OF FUN.

The most humorous dinner in the world is given each year at Washington under the auspices of the Gridiron Club, which is composed chiefly of American literary and newspaper men. This year President Roosevelt was absent, but the Vice-President was there, and at all times there are plenty of big statesmen, Ambassadors, legislators, and other distinguished visitors. The idea of the Gridiron Club seems to be to get a lot of innocent amusement at the expense of caricaturing and "ragging" public men, and right heartily everyone, the public men included, entered into the spirit of fun which terminated with a shuffling ride down the centre of the banquet hall of four comical Washington correspondents, seated upon mules, and typical of course, of President Roosevelt's "ride for colic." The roars of laughter which greeted this pantomime were only the climax to one of the merriest nights the Gridiron Club has ever organized.

Drinking a gin cocktail at a recent dinner admittedly impaired the chances of Vice-President Fairbanks' being nominated to succeed Mr. Roosevelt. It was any to be expected, therefore, that to Mr. Fairbanks on entering the banquet hall there should be presented not the usual cocktail, but a glass of gin cocktail.

All the newly-elected United States Senators were ordered from their seats at the table and instructed to go to a line on the platform, at the Gridiron dinner nobody ever dreams of disobeying. To these Senators the chairman spoke as follows:

You have just become members of the highest legislative body on earth, the highest, that is, in the estimation of the people who live ten miles from Washington. You who are Republicans will be required to go twice a week to the White House and renew your allegiance. There you will get a hint or two and come up for appointments to party jobs. The Democrats must state intervals solemnly declare that William J. Bryan is the only logical candidate for the Presidency, having been twice defeated already. Inwardly you can recall the old saying, "Three times and out." Don't get too violent against the corporations; there is an election next autumn, and Conservatism seems to be in demand. After the election give it them as hot as you like. I don't think I need tell you any more. Aldrich and Cleveland will tell you how to vote.

Then a section of the diners formed themselves into a "natura club," and discussed Mr. Roosevelt's favorite subject, "nature faking." "Undesirable citizens," another of the President's fables, were adequately treated. Democrats representing well-known people personated the undesirable citizens. The termination of the dinner came when a large photograph, with an enormous hole, was set going, and from the record came the words, "undesirable citizens," "mendacious soundbore," "criminal chief," "man of great wealth," "criminal chief," "no stolen fortune," "lie, lie, lie," "molly-coddles," "simpletons"—all famous phrases from the White House.

The fun was kept going for five hours without a break. Allusion to the financial panic took the form of Clearing House certificates, entitling the rich holder to certain articles of diet.

The guests included Vice President Fairbanks, Mr. Secretary Cortelyou, the Right Hon. James Bryce, Viscount Aoki, Sir Courtenay Lytton, Clerk of the House of Commons, Mr. Wilson, and many prominent Senators, Congressmen, and Governors of States. It is a form of dinner which might be judiciously adapted, Sir Courtenay Lytton thinks, to relieve the monotony of some London banquets.

## KAISER'S FLEET.

## NAVY LEAGUE SPELT.

A Berlin correspondent writes—  
Much satisfaction was expressed in the *Chauvinistic Press* at the course followed by the proceedings of the Reichstag Committee on the Navy Bill. It was mixed with a strong dose of criticism of Admiral von Tirpitz, who, it was argued, should not leave the initiative in matters of naval expansion to the National Liberal party. If further additions to or improvements in the fleet are necessary, says the *Tagliche Rundschau*, it is his place to demand them, and the Reichstag should be left to take the responsibility of accepting or rejecting them.

Proceedings of the committee were resumed by Baron von Biehlroven (Conservative), who complained that the information communicated to them was not sufficient to enable them to form their own judgment on the bill. His party must, therefore, leave the responsibility for the proposals made to the Marine Administration.

Dr. Arendt (Reichspartei, or Left Wing of the Conservatives) said that the wishes of Count Oriola and Dr. Semler did not go beyond the limits of the bill. No one had proposed to lay down simultaneously a larger number of ships. The speaker defended the Navy Secretary against the attacks in the Press. It lay, he declared, in the power neither of the navy department, nor of the Reichstag, nor of individual Parliamentarians, to hasten the development of the fleet. At the same time he was convinced that a new navy bill was to be expected in 1912. If their fleet was to be an instrument of peace it must in every way be up to date.

Dr. Leonhardt (Freisinnige Volkspartei, Radical) said his party would support any qualitative improvement of the fleet. But this measure would not be the end of the demands. They would very soon be confronted with a new navy bill. Artificially stimulated speed of construction was a most dangerous thing. Building a series of vessels of the same type had proved to be a mistake which they should not repeat. They would probably soon have a bill for coast defense and submarine boats.

Dr. Semler (National Liberal) said he and his friends had nothing to do with the Press agitation. They advanced no formal motion because the State Secretary had said "These are my proposals." Moreover, a majority was not to be had for a more extensive scheme. The National Liberal party had no idea of making the German fleet quantitatively, even approximately, equal to that of Great Britain. It was a political question whether they should proceed more rapidly with the development of the fleet than was proposed in the bill.

Herr Groeber (Centre) made an attack on the Navy League. He did not believe that the bill contained a hidden increase of the fleet. In view of the demands now made, they should not immediately raise cries for another new Navy Bill. The attitude of the State Secretary was calculated to encourage the agitation of the Navy League.

Doctor Wiermer (Freisinnige Volkspartei, Radical) said his party saw no ground to bind themselves for the future. There was no occasion to go beyond the limits of the bill.

With this the general discussion ended. Its result, as summed up in the report to be presented to the Reichstag, was that the commission admitted justification of the bill.

The Navy League itself has just entered on another crisis, which will certainly impede its future activity. It may be recalled that immediately after the election last winter certain letters written by General Keim, who occupied a prominent position on the executive of the league, found their way into a Centre newspaper. They showed that although the League enjoyed all privileges and immunities of a "non-political association," the General had during the election carried on an active propaganda against the Clerical party. These revelations caused considerable stir, and threatened at one time to set up a stampede of Catholics out of the league. A truce was, however, patched up at the general meeting at Cologne, which was attended on behalf of the Emperor by Field-Marshal von Hahnke, who used the full force of his personal prestige to effect a reconciliation. At the same time, the Bavarian delegates expressed themselves strongly against General Keim and any repetition of his tactics. The executive of the Navy League has, however, just appointed General Keim to the position of its managing director, and Prince Rupert of Bavaria has promptly responded to this step by refusing to act any longer as protector of the Bavarian branch of the League. It is said that the Emperor, the Prince, who has acted through it in consonance with the ideas of the Regent had already protested against the decision being come to in Berlin without his knowledge, and had expressed himself in the words, "Bavarian Princes must decline to occupy a merely decorative position in a work for the benefit of the Empire." He had, it is also said, frequently criticized the agitation of the general, which he declared to have too strong a political flavour. The consequence was that the appointment of General Keim was carried through without any communication with him.

On hearing of the fact, Prince Rupert at once laid down the protectorship of the League, with the remark, "Things can't go on like this. Gentlemen at Berlin misinterpret the sentiment of the people." It is reported that a large number of important personages in Bavaria have already severed their connection with the League. The appointment of General Keim is also severely criticised in Radical circles, in which, as will have been inferred from the commission debate on the Navy Bill, the propaganda of the League is not viewed without misgivings.

The Navy League has published the following statement:

"The fact that Prince Rupert of Bavaria has laid down the protectorship of the Bavarian federation does not affect the Navy League as such in the smallest degree. The executive of the League is of opinion that the appointment of General Keim as managing director has been properly carried out, and cannot, therefore, be interfered with. The executive attaches no importance to the action of Prince Rupert. It is absurd to speak of a crisis in the Navy League in this connection. The German Navy League will continue its business in the customary manner."



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